

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A fuel cell arrangement comprising several individual components arranged in a stack, the individual components comprising at least a first electrode, the first electrode being comprised of least two stacked plates which directly contacting one other and are at least partially joined to one another by a common seal element of polymer material which is injected onto the plates to form a module, each of the two plates being provided with an opening and the seal element extending through the opening in each of the two plates.

2. (Currently Amended) The fuel cell arrangement according to Claim 1, wherein the two stacked plates form a stack of plates has having oppositely facing main surfaces, and wherein the seal element is provided on the main surfaces of the stack.

3. (Currently Amended) The fuel cell arrangement according to Claim 1, wherein the ~~at least~~ two plates are positioned immediately adjacent one another with an intermediate space provided between the adjacent plates, the seal element sealing the intermediate space.

4. (Currently Amended) The fuel cell arrangement according to Claim 1, wherein the ~~at least~~ two plates have end faces, the seal element encompassing at least portions of the end faces of the ~~at least~~ two plates.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended) A module for a fuel cell arrangement comprising at least a first electrode, the first electrode being comprised of two a plurality of stacked plates forming a stack, the two stacked plates directly contacting each other, with at least two of the plates having a common seal element of polymer material which is injected onto the two stacked plates and by which the at least two stacked plates are at least partially joined to one another, each of the two stacked plates forming the stack being provided with an opening and the common seal element extending through the opening in each of the two stacked plates.

7. (Currently Amended) The module according to Claim 6, wherein the seal element adhesively joins the ~~at least~~ two stacked plates to one another.

8. (Currently Amended) The module according to Claim 6, wherein the ~~at least~~ two stacked plates are joined to one another in an interlocking manner via the seal element.

9. (Currently Amended) The module according to Claim 6, wherein the ~~stack of plates~~ has oppositely facing main surfaces, and wherein the seal element is provided on the main surfaces of the stack.

10. (Currently Amended) The module according to Claim 6, wherein the at least two stacked plates are positioned immediately adjacent one another with an intermediate space provided between the adjacent plates, the seal element sealing the intermediate space.

11. (Currently Amended) The module according to Claim 6, wherein the at least two stacked plates have end faces, the seal element at least in areas encompassing the end faces of the at least two stacked plates.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) The module according to Claim 6, wherein the at least two stacked plates are positioned immediately adjacent one another, with each of the adjacent plates possessing a plurality of elongated openings, each of the openings in one of the plates overlapping one of the openings in the other plate.

14. (Currently Amended) The module according to Claim 6, wherein the at least two stacked plates are positioned immediately adjacent one another, the seal element extending in at least one cavity provided between the adjacent plates.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently Amended) The module according to Claim 6, wherein a part of the seal element located on a side of one of the stacked plates has a cross-sectional configuration possessing a flat surface.

17. (Currently Amended) The module according to Claim 6, wherein a part of the seal element located on a side of one of the stacked plates has a cross-sectional configuration possessing a tapering surface.

18. (Currently Amended) The module according to Claim 6, wherein a part of the seal element located on a side of one of the stacked plates has a cross-sectional configuration possessing both a flat surface and a tapering surface.

19. (Original) The module according to Claim 18, wherein the flat surface is separated from the tapering surface by a recess which is recessed relative to the flat surface.

20. (Currently Amended) A process for producing a module for a fuel cell arrangement, comprising:

inserting at least portions of two plates into a casting mold, each of the two plates being provided with an opening; and

filling the casting mold with a polymer seal material so that the seal material adjoins the two plates and extends through the opening in each of the two plates to

form a module for a fuel cell in which the two plates directly contact one another and together form a single electrode of the module for the fuel cell arrangement.